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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE

ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS EVIDENCED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN PORTION OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH MIDDLE EAST. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF EXCHANGE JUNE 27 BETWEEN YUGOSLAV MINISTER-COUNSELOR OSOLNIK AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE.

2. OSOLNIK NOTED THAT THE PORTION OF NIXON-BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE DEVOTED TO MIDDLE EAST CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO UNSC RESOLUTION 242 OR JARRING MISSION. OSOLNIK SAID OMISSION WAS SURPRISING SINCE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT LAST YEAR'S SUMMIT MENTIONED BOTH THESE ITEMS. OSOLNIK ALSO STATED THAT THIS YEAR'S COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED TWO "INTERESTING" FORMULATIONS. HE IDENTIFIED THESE AS:

A. THE EXPRESSION OF THE TWO PARTIES "DEEP CONCERN" OVER THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND

B. THE STATEMENT THAT THE PARTIES "AGREED TO CONTINUE TO EXERT THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

3. SOME DIPLOMATS, HE CLAIMED, ARE SPECULATING THAT THE US AND THE USSR MAY SOON UNDERTAKE A BIG TWO INITIATIVE AIMED AT ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE, ARMITAGE OBSERVED THAT THE FACT THAT A PARTICULAR ITEM CONTAINED IN LAST YEAR'S COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S DOES NOT MEAN THAT THIS ITEM HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN. US WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO RESOLUTION 242 AND JARRING MISSION IN COMMUNIQUE. REASON THESE ITEMS WERE NOT MENTIONED MAY WELL HAVE STEMMED FROM CONTEXT OF PRESENT UNSC DEBATE, ARMITAGE SUGGESTED. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE ERRONEOUS TO DEDUCE FROM COMMUNIQUE THAT US AND USSR HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SOME KIND OF JOINT INITIATIVE ON ME.

5. OSOLNIK ALSO ASKED WHETHER ISRAELIS WERE DISTURBED OR SATISFIED BY THE COMMUNIQUE. ARMITAGE SAID HE HAD NO REASON TO THINK THE ISRAELIS WERE DISPLEASED WITH
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COMMUNIQUE.

6. IN A MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL EARLIER IN THE DAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL INDICATED THAT THE SUMMIT HAD GENERATED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION BUT NO AGREEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST. ROGERS

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